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Undergraduate tuition revenue has dropped, report says

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GW's undergraduate tuition revenue has fallen more than 2 percent while the graduate tuition revenue has gone up almost 45 percent since 1988, according to a Faculty Senate report released last week.

The Fiscal Planning and Budgeting report for academic year 1993-94 also listed the current University debt as \$127.4 million and the University's legal costs for last year as \$1.2 million.

The senate held its first monthly meeting for the 1994-95 academic year on Sept. 9. The senate's discussion centered on the committee's report.

The committee, headed by professor Joseph Pelzmann, submitted the six-page report and 11 tables of facts and figures concerning topics ranging from undergraduate tuition to the active status of faculty members.

Net undergraduate tuition revenue was more than \$40.4 million in 1988 and fell to \$39.4 million in 1993, the report said. Net graduate tuition was \$30 million in 1988 and rose to \$43.5 million last year.

Robert Chernak, vice president for student and academic support services, said in an interview that the figures had been adjusted for inflation and financial aid. The net revenue has decreased because GW's offers a greater amount of financial aid, he said.

"The interesting flipside of the coin is if you look at financial aid as an expense or a tuition discount," he said. While GW students received a 42 percent discount for tuition in fiscal '93, some may view this as part of the University's expenses, Chernak said.

The report said undergraduate tuition revenue has declined since 1988 but should remain constant through FY 1995, assuming undergraduate enrollments remain constant. Chernak said this is expected.

However, the graduate tuition revenue increase was at an annual average of 7.5 percent over the same period, the report said.

The report projected the graduate figure to increase at an annual average rate of 7 percent through FY '95.

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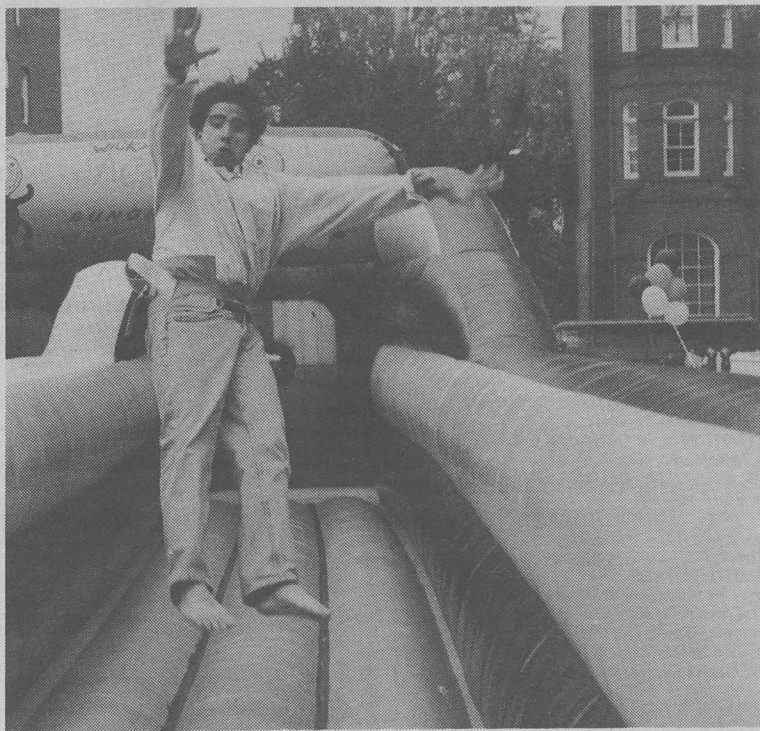


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Sophomore Cesare Alessandrini jumps and bounces during a good time at Fall Fest '94. See story, page 12.

Left without funds: 38 students lose financial aid packages

BY KAREN DALY
HATCHET REPORTER

The Office of Student Financial Assistance on Aug. 22 suggested that sophomore Karin Csizmar take out a loan for \$20,000. She needed the loan, she was told, because Csizmar would receive no aid for the 1994-95 school year.

But her family situation had changed. Both of her parents had remarried, she moved in with her mother and her stepfather died. Csizmar said she stopped by the financial aid office in May to check on her application, and they told her everything was fine.

"I turned in my application early because I expected problems," Csizmar said.

Csizmar is only one of 38 students left without financial aid, according to GW's financial aid director, Vicki Baker. Because of a shortage of funds, the financial aid department was unable to assist students who completed late applications.

"There was a finite amount of financial aid monies available for the 1994-95 school year," Baker said. "We were really fortunate

that we were able to award funds well up into the first week of August, at which point the funding was allocated."

Csizmar said she called the financial aid office in July and was told her file had not been processed because she had not turned in GW's application form. By the time she turned the form in, all available aid had been used, Csizmar said.

Unable to come up with the money, Csizmar transferred to Buffalo State College.

"I was really looking forward to going back," Csizmar said in an interview from Buffalo. "I raved about GW. I wasn't taking it for granted. I was making the most out of school."

The deadline for continuing students to file financial aid applications is April 30. Applications were processed throughout the summer as they became complete.

"Given that we have an aid population of almost 4,000 students, I think 38 is really not an unusual number," Baker said of the students not receiving aid.

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ANC demands audit of enrollment records

Commissioner wants to re-evaluate Campus Plan

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
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The Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A passed a resolution on Thursday that would require an audit of the formal enrollment records of GW.

Problems with "traffic, parking, noise, sanitation, congestion and general lifestyle in terms of peace and enjoyment for the non-student residents," were Commissioner Sara Maddux's reasons for the audit in the resolution.

Maddux said the goal of the audit was to ensure that GW's current enrollment numbers are in compliance with the approved Campus Plan, which allows for continuous growth up to 20,000 students by the year 2000.

"If they're not in compliance with the Campus Plan, we can beat them over the head with it," one Foggy Bottom resident shouted at the meeting.

But Robert Chernak, vice president for student and academic support services, said these numbers are "a matter of public record anyway." All universities report such information to the federal government three times a year.

"It's not a secret," Chernak said. "We are comfortable that any numbers reported to the federal government are accurate. But we will share it (with the commissioners) anyway."

He said there currently are fewer than 5,500 undergraduate students on campus.

"Someone has the perception there are more students on campus than there really are," he said.

He said there are fewer students on campus now than there

were in 1988, when he and GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg began working here. More than 5,600 undergraduates were at GW in 1988.

Several commissioners argued that the resolution was insufficient because it did not include other problems that the ANC has with the current Campus Plan.

The commissioners agreed to pass the resolution on the audit and to discuss other complaints they have with the Campus Plan at a later date.

Chernak said this request is "symptomatic" of other problems the ANC has with GW.

"The way the scenarios get played out in Washington, you only need one or two individuals who have a bone to pick who can create a situation where moving forward is hard," he said.

ANC chairperson Jean Swift also reported that a hearing would be held on Sept. 28 in front of the Board of Zoning Adjustment about the newest objections to GW's planned Health and Wellness Center.

Chernak said "there is no law in the District of Columbia preventing us from building the Health and Wellness Center."

Swift also noted that St Mary's Church has filed a lawsuit against the BZA over their decision to allow GW to build a new residence hall on the corner of H and 24th streets.

"I had hoped Foggy Bottom residents would not take such an antagonist view to the University," said Matthew Palasek, who represented the Student Association at the meeting.

-Elissa Leibowitz contributed to this report.

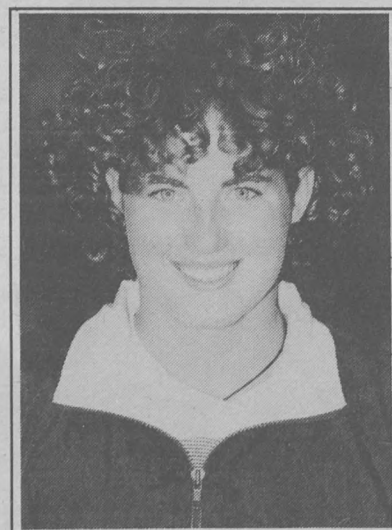
Bowman places 5th in Rome

GW swimmer Bambi Bowman notched another major accomplishment when she represented the United States at the 25K World Swimming Championships in Rome Thursday.

With a fifth-place time of 6:05:57.98, Bowman contributed to the U.S. team's overall fourth-place finish. Australia finished first, followed by Germany and Hungary.

GW swimming assistant coach John Flanagan accompanied Bowman to navigate her support boat in the open waters. He said the times were long due to the incoming tides, but she was prepared for them.

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And another thing . . .

An election that would make New Hampshire jealous

"D.C. voter?" asks the campaign worker handing out those annoying palmcards on a busy sidewalk.

"Nope," I reply coldly, having grown to resent the palmcard concept after three years of battling through Student Association candidates stationed outside the Marvin Center.

But this fall I'm actually jealous of D.C. residents, as they try to decide who they will vote for in Tuesday's primary. I wish I could vote in this eminently strange elec-

tion but, alas, I'm registered in New Hampshire (no jokes please, I'm not really from there).

Voting in New Hampshire — and sometimes in GW SA contests as well — is a simple process. On Election Day you go into the booth and vote for the candidate you'd like to see win.

For all the folksy charm of having three leading candidates with last names that sound like first names — Barry, Kelly and Ray, those nice kids who live down the

street — the politics in these parts is not so simple. And it's been downright ugly at times.

Like when a guy at a candidate forum handed Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly a plastic baggie full of dead rats (protest or party favor?). Or when the current front-runner, Councilmember John Ray, ripped a board off of a vacant public housing unit and delivered it to former Mayor Marion Barry's campaign headquarters.

Meanwhile, Barry gained a base

of support partly because of his disgrace in 1990. And a poor soul in a duck costume is probably still wandering around the Metro system, after a Kelly rally calling on other candidates to stop "ducking" the issue — I'll bet Ed Rollins is stompin' mad he didn't think of that one — turned ugly when Ray's supporters flooded the scene with chants of "lame duck."

Even the mighty Washington Post seems to be experiencing difficulty in figuring out what's going on. Last week they endorsed Ray, then spent half of the editorial complimenting current Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly. The post endorsed her in '90, when she was Sharon Pratt Dixon. Perhaps the name change confused them.

Why can't we have this much fun with campus elections? I'd love to see a someone running for Program Board chair call an opponent's main squeeze an idiot, like Ray did to Kelly's husband. How about some hecklers at an SA candidates forum? We could be having a lot more fun at these events, if we would behave more like local politicians.

Unless we would then have to put up with the rampant corruption, mismanagement, incompetence, etc. that also distinguishes District politics.

Maybe I'm not so jealous of D.C. voters, after all. At least not until those palmcard people show up again.

-John Rega



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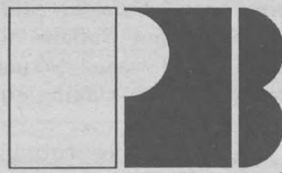
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Candidates prepare for mayoral battle

Capital Consortium backs Kelly

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
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Tuesday's Democratic mayoral primary should determine the next mayor of Washington, D.C. The three major candidates, incumbent Sharon Pratt Kelly and city councilmembers Marion Barry and John Ray, are preparing for the final days of a campaign that will decide the political future of the nation's capital.

Kelly, the first black woman to be mayor of a major U.S. city, is vying for a second term. However, polls show she is lagging behind the other two candidates, and critics say she may have little to show for the almost four years she has spent in office.

Kelly's supporters argue that the city was in financial ruin when she took over and nothing short of a miracle could have straightened out the mess. But her opposition claims she has done nothing to ameliorate fiscal disarray in the District.

In 1990, Barry left the office of mayor in disgrace after he was found guilty on charges of drug possession. In the past four years, however, he has gained a large amount of support in Ward 8, the district that elected him to the city council in 1992.

Barry claims he has turned over a new leaf and has given hope to many of his supporters. His success lies primarily in his grass roots movement, which includes a major push to register new voters.

Ray, a GW National Law Center graduate, has been a member of the D.C. Council for 16 years and has run four unsuccessful campaigns for mayor. This time around, with the support of affluent voters and the endorsement of The Washington Post, Ray is making his strongest campaign showing yet.

In addition, Ray said he will work on economic issues that would revitalize the areas of the city most in need.

All three candidates worked to attract the support and votes of students at the eight universities in the District. Representatives

from each campaign met separately with the Capital Consortium, an alliance of local college student leaders.

On Friday afternoon, the consortium announced that they endorsed Kelly.

The consortium, represented by Al Park of GW, Chris McLaughlin of the Georgetown University, Jesse Heier of the American University and Anthony Langford of the University of the District of Columbia.

"(The consortium's) support means everything in the world to me," Kelly said.

Kelly spoke of establishing a strong alliance between D.C. universities and the city government.

"D.C. is the gateway to the 21st century," Kelly said. "I cannot imagine a more fertile ground (than universities)."

Kelly stressed the important impact students have on her campaign. College students issue a powerful statement to every elected official in the District when they take action, Kelly said.

"She is the one candidate who has stood by students consistently," McLaughlin said. Park stressed the importance of establishing good rapport with all three candidates.

"The consortium must be able to work with whomever is elected mayor in order to improve relations between universities and the city," he said. "I think that Ray has some excellent and innovative ideas concerning urban revitalization and privatization."

Barry, mayor for 12 years, rode the wave of prosperity in the District during the mid-1980s. He wanted to prove that the District could succeed with home rule. He pared down the work force and increased the minority contract program, opening up the program to previously excluded, according to The Post.

However, Barry's success came in cycles. Several opponents have charged he later increased the work force by hiring in the patronage system. The city's finances also took a downturn after the prosperous 1980s.

Late Mother's Day extends winter break

GW will extend its winter holiday this year to make the semester break almost four weeks long.

Donna Scarboro, summer and experimental programs director, said Commencement traditionally takes place on Mother's Day, which is a week later than usual this year. Extending the winter break served as an easy way to lengthen the school year to keep Commencement on that Sunday in May, Scarboro said.

However, the change is not permanent. Winter break will return to its normal length next year, Scarboro said.

While the extra week means a longer spring semester, the delayed end of the year does not appear to bother GW students. Sophomore Rosalie Maduro said she would "rather stay home longer during Christmas" and spend more time with her family and friends during the holidays.

Freshman Julie Hay also said GW should have a longer break, such as those of other colleges and universities.

But, senior Claire Newberry said "I always thought we got out kind of early anyway."

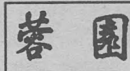
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Ray for mayor

The work ahead for Washington, D.C.'s next mayor casts a shadow on the city large enough to obscure the Washington Monument. After years of neglect, the budget, crime and statehood and must be addressed.

Tuesday's democratic primary should foretell the winner of the election in November. Unfortunately, Washington's mayoral race leaves much to be desired. The three prominent democrats in the race each have their finer points. But they also carry a burden of failures, skeletons in their closets or mediocrity in management. In this battle for mayor, we choose the lesser of three evils: John Ray.

The other two major candidates, Sharon Pratt Kelly and Marion Barry, simply have too many faults. Kelly became mayor by promising to clean up Barry's mistakes, the D.C. budget being the messiest. Instead, these problems compounded during Kelly's term, and she appeared to have no capacity to dig herself out of the hole Barry created.

Kelly promised to add more police to the force, and she did. However, these untrained, unskilled officers negated any benefits of stepped-up patrols. When crime became so unbearable, Kelly pleaded with Congress to call in the National Guard to solve the city's problems. Congress did not comply with her far-fetched request.

Furthermore, Kelly is a die-hard advocate of D.C. Statehood, but her record shows she relied heavily on the federal government, demonstrating her lack of ability to run the city on its own.

Barry, despite his grass-roots, consensus-building approach to local government, forfeited his right to be mayor when he was convicted of a felony drug charge and was caught with a prostitute. Barry would be a national embarrassment if he was elected, and his criminal acts and despicable moral judgment during his last term eclipses his dubious accomplishments.

If the District's voters elevate Barry to mayor, they would humiliate Washington the same way Providence, R.I.'s voters embarrassed their city in 1992. Voters there reelected Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci, who had been charged with assault for beating his wife's lover and putting a lit cigar out in the lover's eye. Barry, like Cianci, would again make Washington a worldwide embarrassment.

Ray, on the other hand, is a GW National Law Center graduate. Ray has served as a city councilman for 16 years. He opposed Kelly when she built a posh office and he has stressed more efficient management during his time in office. He claims to have a well-defined plan as mayor, promising more fiscal accountability. He has experience under his belt, so he isn't coming into the job without some idea of his responsibility. Plus, Ray is a fresh face, and even though he has launched several unsuccessful bids for mayor, this time he is a clear step above his opponents.

Ray, however, is not the best friend of the District's universities. He supports limiting campus plans, and he authored legislation to limit the number of students who can live in one residence.

As students and residents of the District, we must look at the big picture. Ray is not GW's best friend, but that's not all that matters. It would not benefit GW and the District, if, for example, our college-friendly mayor raised the sales tax to 10 percent.

Ray is the best candidate for the job, if only by the process of elimination. His dedicated work for the city stands on its own laurels, and overshadows his short-comings. Ray is the District's glimmer of hope.

GW, like other businesses, can be more streamlined, efficient

In response to President Trachtenberg's comment, "Universities were never designed to be efficient," I have a few ideas of rebuttal.

First of all, from studying economics I realize that no corporation, organization, or business entity is 100 percent efficient, except in the perfect world of classical economics. But with a lot of hard work and savvy management, all businesses, including a university, can be more efficient. There is always room for improvement.

Professors are the bearers of knowledge and have a tremendous impact on their students. I have had the fortunate opportunity to work under the tutelage of many great professors here at GW, so I agree with President Trachtenberg that they deserve raises when their time is due. But from working in an important office in the University during my freshman year as part of my work-study award I have some insights into the reason of high tuition costs. I would like to share just a few examples of where the inefficiency comes in.

Any university has a form of bureaucracy. They waste unnecessary money and time. It could be any type of bureaucracy and applies to many businesses. From my experience in this office I witnessed a lot of inefficiency. There was a lot of talk about budget constraints and cutting back of funds, yet one

of the employee's refurbished her office. Where is the logic? There was not really any systematic organization to the duties and tasks being performed. Office work was kind of sporadic.

An overabundance of supplies could also be another factor in money being spent frivolously. For example, paper clips could be recycled and most Xeroxing can be programmed to be double-sided to cut

my former place of employment is not the only one in which this happens. I am not trying to single it out individually, but because I experienced it firsthand I feel justified to report what I saw with my own eyes.

So as to the comment that, "Universities were never designed to be efficient," I say that we have our own business school right here and everyone on the faculty and staff who does not understand the true meaning of efficiency can take courses to learn and perhaps broaden their horizons. Employees of the University are allowed to take two courses gratis per semester. Perhaps GW can be the catalyst by changing the inefficient status quo of universities and set an example for other universities.

A university is a business, and no business will continue operating unless they are making a profit. What it all boils down to in economic terms is the bottom line. I do realize that tuition must increase to adjust for inflation and because the cost of everything rises as time goes on. I do not expect tuition to be an unrealistic \$84.90 as it was way back in 1825 but with good management, tuition prices could and should be less than they are now.

-Fu-Shing Wu, sophomore, is an International Business major in the Elliott School

Fu-Shing Wu

down on paper cost. I know these little things might seem like pennies, but imagine it on a multiple fold level and these pennies add up to lots of dollars. You know the phrase, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste?" Well, so is a student's tuition money.

And what about employees who come to work late and leave early? They are not putting in their mandatory time which could be used to get things done, but they are still getting paid. Where is the justice? Perhaps they could be made to phone in like work-study students.

These are only a few examples of inefficiency and I am sure that

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OPINION

Get a Life

Not the best, not the brightest



Rob Ganz III

"Underwriters regard college buildings generally as bad risks. Among the reasons for this may be mentioned ... the large number of people of different kinds and degrees of intelligence using college buildings."—C. Z. Klauder and H. C. Wise, "College Architecture in America"

Colleges, like the rest of the world, are filled with people with a range of abilities.

To be sure, GW has its share of brain children — including high school valedictorians and National Merit Scholars. (And, contrary to conventional wisdom, most of them have no more than the full complement of 10 fingers.) These outstanding students — some of whom were recently honored at Convocation as Tip O'Neill Scholars — are an inspiration to us all. Academic talent is, after all, a form of beauty. And these young people, as symbols of humanity at its best, fill us with hope for the future.

But there is another group of students also worthy of recognition — the Rob Ganz Scholars. No, these students did not rank in the top decile of their high school classes. They did not score above 1400 on the SATs. And they probably did not earn many advanced placement credits. In fact, what sets these students apart is that they are all quite undistinguished. I sing of the average student, destined for mediocrity.

Most people would rather not have a C+ med student perform open heart surgery on them. And, when it comes to safeguarding America's nuclear arsenal, I don't want Homer Simpson holding the switch. But most jobs in life — most of what gets done — are performed admirably by ordinary people of quite unexceptional skill.

"For wel ye knowe," wrote Chaucer, "a lord in his household, He hath nat every vessel al of gold; Somme been of tree, and doon hir lord servyse." We can't all be above average. But, as the Wife of Bath reminds us, there really is some value to people made of baser metal.

American democracy has always rested on a faith in the capabilities of the common person. As Adlai Stevenson once said, "Democracy cannot be saved by supermen, but only by the unswerving devotion and goodness of millions of little men."

How absurd it must have seemed to European royalists when American colonists suggested they were smart enough to govern for themselves. Unlike the authoritarian medieval order, our society both relies upon and celebrates the worth of every man. "Democracy," wrote Robert Maynard Hutchins, "is the only form of government that is founded on the dignity of man, not the dignity of some men, of rich men, of educated men or of white men, but of all men."

America's institutions of higher education play a crucial role in preparing not just the exceptional mind but also the average mind for a life of benefit to society.

Even an undistinguished college career is a great accomplishment. The student who manages to master only 75 percent of the material in a biology class may not have learned everything the professor wanted. But he or she has, nevertheless, managed to learn an awful lot more than those who have studied no biology.

The best and brightest really do make astounding contributions to humanity. But it's important to remember that what has really made America succeed has been the ordinary work of ordinary people.

So the next time you run into a mediocre student give him/her a pat on the back. After all, they're not just average students — they're Rob Ganz Scholars.

Rob Ganz III

The day the music died

Two of my friends and I decided some time back that we wanted to make some music. None of us are incredibly talented, but each of us has had at least a few years of organized music lessons. There's a lot of bad music out there. We thought we could do better.

But the first step in a recording a song is getting a hold of some instruments. We have guitars and access to a piano, but we don't have a drum set. So we took a walk to the music department in the Academic Center and took a look around.

Sure enough, there were plenty of practice rooms. The one that had a drum set in it was reserved for only three hours this week. If only we could get in there for an hour or two, and record a drum track to mix into our song.

I asked the student at the music department office if students could sign up for practice time, even if we weren't actually enrolled in a drum class. "Absolutely not!" she firmly said.

I explained to this perturbed woman that I was enrolled in a History of Jazz course. Did that count? No way. Both University Police officers and department staff check to make sure only people who

belong are in those rooms, she replied.

I almost explained that I would have taken a music course, had it not pushed me to 18 credits and would have cost me an extra \$1,000. Instead, I left in a huff.

We have no intention of going into that studio and breaking the department's drum set. We have no intention of wasting their precious time by fooling around. We only want access to what we pay for.

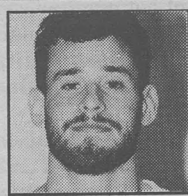
Why can I play racquetball or swim or work out at the Smith Center, even if I am not enrolled in an exercise class? How come I can use the computer labs in a science building, even if I don't take a science class? The answer is simple: as a student, I pay for the right to use the University's equipment. The music department should be no different.

I will pay a fee to use the practice room, if that is required. If we must be supervised to make sure we don't break anything, fine.

I feel cheated. The equipment in the music department should be open to all students, not just the ones who pay \$150 for a semester of music lessons.

Andrew Tarnoff, a junior, is associate editor of The GW Hatchet

Crime bill alone will not stem violence on America's streets



Andrew Pearlman

The government's crime bill will not put a significant damper on America's crime crisis.

Liberals

and conservatives continue to joust over how crime fighting tax dollars should best be spent. Liberals want to focus on preventive measures such as midnight basketball, while conservatives would rather focus on after-the-fact measures such as more prisons and police officers. Unfortunately, both sides are equally deluded in believing that their ideology of government intervention is the placebo for our deeply entrenched crime woes.

More police, more prisons, an assault weapons ban and some social spending are positive advancements in the war against crime, and the crime bill brings national attention to our country's most debilitating internal crisis. But the bill itself is not the problem. The problem lies in the message that the bill sends. We cannot misconstrue that the crime bill is the end all, be all cure of crime. By

doing so, we put wistful faith in the work of elected politicians who have a history of failed policies. To expect the crime bill to be any different is a fantasy.

Violent crime is part of American culture. Our children breathe in its suffocating stench every time they watch TV or dodge bullets on the playground. How can Americans rationally expect 535 representatives and senators, whom are primarily upper-class white males, to produce a crime

adopt a warped street morality. Rather than being taught by parents and teachers, youngsters learn from crack heads and gangs. A generation is being raised on "Hard Copy" and "Inside Edition."

Communities must step in and provide the foster care that these children lack. Religious and community leaders must come to the forefront in initiating programs that imbue moral values.

Community spirit will hopefully spread throughout the entire community so that business, science leaders, etc., get involved in bringing communities closer together.

We, as part of communities, must take responsibility in the war against crime that fundamentally begins with the resurrection of our apathetic youth. Americans already rely on an inept government far too much. That includes conservatives as well as liberals.

Communities must play a larger role than they currently do. Individuals need to rise above partisan lines and take some responsibility for our ill country's well being.

Andrew Pearlman, a junior, is majoring in English

Andrew Pearlman

bill that will effectively combat a culture they know little, if anything, about?

Tip O'Neil once said "all politics is local." Well, so is crime fighting. The state and federal governments can police streets and toughen crime laws, but they cannot instill morality into individual communities. That is something that must be taught on a local level, either at home, school, or in a community. When fundamental morals are not instilled, impressionable children

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A hearty thanks

Dear GW students,

A huge thank you and a lot of admiration and respect to you from us at Miriam's Kitchen for all you have done for us over the last year. You have supported us financially with the GW Miriam's Allnighter fund raiser, you have strengthened us with your volunteer help in the Kitchen week after week and you have been there for us in our times of crisis when we just needed friends. You are a very special bunch.

For those of you who don't know, Miriam's Kitchen is a breakfast feeding program for homeless men and women is at the Western Presbyterian Church just west of the GW campus at 24th and G streets. Functioning almost exclusively with volunteers, often GW students, we serve about 175 breakfasts each weekday morning.

A special word of thanks is due to the Miriam's Allnighter Planning Committee: Rev. Laureen Smith, the campus minister; Peter Konwerski from the office of community services; Aubrey Jones and Debbie Newman, Smith Center directors; as well as students Kristina Tuholski, Jeff Rickert, Stephanie Adamson, Christy Willis, Nicole St. Leger, Richele

Scuro, Scott Feldman and Amy Feldman.

Good fun! Good purpose! Good outcome! Thanks from all of us at Miriam's Kitchen.

- Bev D. Blackwood,
Miriam's Kitchen

Housing clarifications

I am writing to clarify some inaccuracies implied in Assistant News Editor Donna Brutkoski's column in the Sept. 1 edition of the GW Hatchet ("Singing the Mitchell Hall blues: a cramped sophomore's gripe," p. 4). Brutkoski is correct in her assessment that 70 students who wanted to participate in last spring's housing lottery were not able to choose rooms. Unfortunately, Brutkoski does not tell the rest of the story. All of these 70 students were contacted and asked for their building preferences. The students were told that they would receive housing assignments by June 30 and assured that my office would do its best to place the students in one of their preferences. In fact, virtually every student was assigned to one of their preferred halls (Mitchell Hall was Brutkoski's third choice), and all

were assigned by June 20.

Over the course of the summer my office received close to 300 requests from returning students who wanted to change rooms. Almost all of the students who requested changes by Aug. 10 were accommodated. We have no record of Ms. Brutkoski ever requesting a change in assignment.

Finally, while Ms. Brutkoski's suggestion of turning Mitchell into a freshman residence hall is certainly a feasible one, it raises an important concern that my office is studying regarding how we might serve the approximately 175 students who voluntarily chose to live in Mitchell Hall, even though other halls were available.

The Office of Residential Life is committed to providing the best services and facilities possible to all students living on campus. To that end, we work closely with a number of student groups, especially the Residence Hall Association. I invite Brutkoski and others who would like to see changes in the housing lotteries to speak with their RHA representatives since the housing lotteries will be a major topic of discussion in the weeks to come.

- Paul J. Barkett,
assistant director of the Office of
Residential Life

University legal costs quadruple in five years

(from p.1)

This trend "appears to reflect a University policy to transfer the burden of raising tuition revenue to graduate students," the report said.

In addition to tuition, total outstanding University debt in 1994 is \$127.4 million, the report said.

Chernak explained that universities, as non-profit corporations, are entitled to a \$150 million debt. Most of GW's debt represents long-term building projects, including the Marvin and Academic centers.

"For the long term, it's no different than paying a loan or the mortgage on a house," he said.

The report said GW expects to borrow another \$38.4 million for several initiatives. By then, the

current debt will be reduced, Chernak said.

"The current fund is close to being at a break-even status," he said.

The report said the University will borrow \$21.3 million for the Health and Wellness Center, \$7.6 million for the GW/WETA project, \$7.0 million for the renovation of the Marvin Center and \$2.5 million for the University Inn.

"Of these amounts, debt service on the Health and Wellness Center and the Marvin Center will be paid from the revenue generated by these facilities," the report said.

Legal expenditures grew from \$279,000 in 1988 to \$1.2 million in 1993, the report stated. Legal

expenses grew by 348.1 percent between 1988 and 1993, the report said.

Money spent on student services rose from 7 percent in 1988 to 8.8 in 1993. These costs are projected to be 8.2 percent of net revenue in FY '95, the report added.

While declines in expenditures as percentages of net revenue were in the areas of libraries and maintenance, the report said instructional expenditure has "remained constant at about 50 percent."

Undergraduate applications increased from 6,370 in fall 1989 to 7,840 in Fall 1993, the report said. The report stated that the increase in fall 1993 "represents a major change from the earlier Fall '89 - Fall '92 trend."

Rush tradition continues in GW's fraternity system

BY MICHAEL ARCATI
HATCHET REPORTER

A GW tradition since the 1850s and a national tradition since 1776, fraternity rush began Sept. 5 and will continue until Sept. 18.

"The responsibility (for rushing) is more toward the rushee," Greek Affairs Coordinator Marcie Tucker said. "The fraternity meets with you and asks questions, a lot is what you feel. I recommend that the person see all the fraternities."

Fraternities must decide to nominate new members, but a rushee must introduce himself and hang out with the fraternities, said freshman Richard Le, who is participating in rush.

GW fraternities understand the importance of rushing.

"(Rushing) is kind of intimidating. It's hard to adapt to the situation and make friends, but we are looking to make friends, too," said Keith Hall, a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Phi Sigma Kappa member Chuck Whitmer said one should "rush to see what different frats are about."

"You can't lose anything," he said.

There are universal reasons why students join fraternities: friendship and brotherhood.

"It's cool to hang out with guys

that are the same as you, its like family," said Joe Vadakkekara, a freshman going through rush.

Theta Delta Chi brother Brian Currie said fraternities harbor brotherhood and friendship founded on mutual esteem and dependence.

"It provides a place of closeness and friendship, the fraternity gives you support to get out there and do things you ordinarily wouldn't do," Tucker said.

However, there are reasons why students do not join fraternities. "You lose your sense of individuality when you join," freshman Andrew Svekla said.

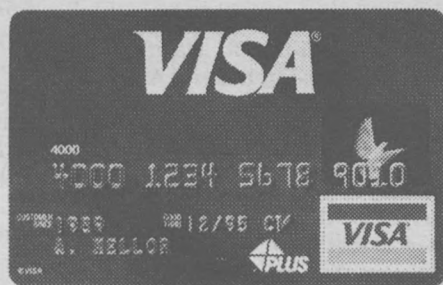
And freshman Mike Malek said concentrating too much on other things besides school work is a concern for him.

Fraternities do have bad stereotypes and unfair reputations. "We do not need the 'Animal House' image anymore. Fraternities have strong moral values," Tucker said.

"When I came to GW, I looked at some frats and found out that it wasn't what was pre-conceived," Phi Sigma Kappa member Brian Flyman said.

Each fraternity looks for different traits in those who want to join. "We are looking for someone with self confidence, willing to learn, make sacrifice for the greater good," Hall said.

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Political organizations kick off yearly activities

Shriver enthuses College Democrats with spirited speech

BY ADAM D. GREEN
HATCHET REPORTER

"Inspirational," was just one reaction of students who left the Sept. 8 kickoff meeting of the GW College Democrats featuring Mark Shriver.

Shriver, a member of the Kennedy family, is one of six democrats running for three 15th District seats in the Maryland House of Delegates this week.

"The main idea of this event, as is that of the entire year, is getting people involved in politics ... and Mark Shriver is a candidate who I feel can do just that," College Democrat President Burke Strunsky said before Shriver arrived. Strunsky said 200 students were at the event.

Shriver described himself as "hard working, innovative and result seeking." He said his campaign is working for better police technology, a commitment to schools and teachers and more effective allocation of Maryland state funds.

"I'm quite tired of seeing money spent poorly in state government ... and seeing the status quo continue day in and day out," Shriver said. He added that programs that are run inefficiently continue to be funded because various people in charge have political connections.

Shriver said he wants to change that.

Conducting what he calls "a traditional grass roots approach" to campaigning, Shriver said he and his volunteers have knocked on more than 13,000 house doors during the past four months.

"My mother (Eunice Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics) and father (Sargent Shriver, creator of the Peace Corps) go out there and knock on doors, and they're 75-plus," Shriver said.

In 1987, Shriver started Choice, a program that works with and consistently monitors youth that have been involved in crime.

Choice operates on private and public funds and has been praised for significantly reducing rearrest rates while also being cost-efficient.

After the meeting, Strunsky said, "The best thing about tonight's meeting was the fact that Mr. Shriver was inspiring people to become involved."

Jon Dropiewski, vice president of the College Democrats of America, also spoke at the meeting, praising the GW chapter of College Democrats.

Dropiewski presented the CDs with an award for the "Most Improved Chapter," signed by David Wilhelm, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Republicans choose new officers, discuss their changing image

BY MICHELLE VON EUW
NEWS EDITOR

The College Republicans held their annual membership barbecue on Sept. 8, despite the cancellation of their speaker, Rep. Phillip Crane (R-Ill.).

Chairman Brandon Steinmann announced he was leaving his position to become the president of the D.C. Federation of College Republicans. Carolyn Hall, the former vice chair of the CRs, was introduced as the new chairwoman.

Elections also were held for executive board positions, including public relations, secretary, membership and freshmen representatives.

Adam Devntsky, of the political consulting firm Craig and Shirley, encouraged the members to attend a political rally on Capitol Hill to oppose President Clinton's health care reform.

"Talk to your congressman; it's your office, too," Devntsky said. "College Republicans can make all the difference in the world."

GW's chapter has about 190 members, 70 percent of whom are freshmen, Hall said.

"In the past, we've been a pretty dry organization," Hall said. She said she would like the CRs to have more of a good time.

"We want to have a Rush party," Hall said, referring to conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

Hall said the CRs will concentrate on rebuilding an internship file, bringing prominent speakers to campus and establishing captains in the residence halls.

Hall said the CRs image has changed in recent years. "Our posters don't get laughed at or torn down anymore," she said. "A lot of people who were liberal have sought me out and asked about being a Republican."

Hall said the CRs are a mixed organization, but most of their membership is fairly moderate. "Some students are afraid to join, because they think they have to follow the party line exactly," Hall said. Hall calls her organization an umbrella group, under which all Republicans can find a place.

John Esteve, a returning member of the CR's, says that he is looking forward to the upcoming year. "I'm really interested in seeing what speakers we'll host this year," he said.

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Students lose financial aid

(From p. 1)

"We're talking about 1 percent (of the aid population)," Executive Assistant Rob Crangle said. "I'm pleased it's that low, although I wish it could be zero."

Darius Desiderio, a sophomore who filed late and was denied financial aid, said the aid shortage is fairly widespread. Both he and his roommate, sophomore Ron Russo, were left without aid.

"When I was in the financial aid office, there were two or three other people there with the same problem," Desiderio said. "It seems like everyone I talk to knows a few people this is happening to."

Desiderio will not attend GW this year, but plans to return next year.

Baker said the students without financial aid might receive funds already awarded to students who have opted not to come back to GW.

"Probably by the second or third week of September we'll be able to see if we can de-obligate any of those already accepted funds and possibly reallocate them to the 38

students," Baker said. "I think there are enough alternative sources out there that a student need not drop out of the University."

The possibility of aid in a few weeks is no comfort to the students who were denied funds. The circumstances that caused them to miss the deadline vary. Many complain that the financial aid office was uncooperative and gave them little notice that they had not been awarded their financial aid packages.

Russo said he discovered he had no financial aid the first week of school, when he looked up his package on the GW Information System and saw only a blank screen.

The financial aid office said Russo had not turned in his parents' tax forms and his file had not been processed as a result. Russo claims he turned in the documents in February or March. He also resubmitted the tax forms in June and July, after a request from the office of financial aid.

Russo said a financial aid office

employee told him by the time all his records were in, they had given away all their funds. Instead of the \$5,500 University grant and \$1,200 housing grant he expected, he got nothing.

"It's your word against theirs, and the little guy can never win," Russo said. "They're not only wasting my money, they're also wasting my time. If I'd known in June, I could have applied to a state school. Now, I'll lose 20 percent of what my parents paid if I withdraw."

Both Baker and Crangle said the financial aid office strives to meet student needs.

"This is an office of 30 people. It's hard to know whoever they might have talked to," Baker said. "Truly a call or letter to me will elicit a response. We investigate every student comment or complaint that is made to us."

Jess Carlson, another sophomore, was able to stay at GW after a problem over the summer. Carlson called financial aid several times in June and was told her file was being processed and she would receive it within a few weeks.

When she said she called in the middle of July, the financial aid office said she was missing her federal financial aid form. When she submitted it a few days later, all available aid had been given out.

"I'm really lucky. My parents worked it out and I'm here" despite losing the substantial aid she had gotten her freshman year, she said.

"This school is run too much like a business. They bend over backwards to attract incoming freshman," Carlson said. "Once you're here, they figure you'll stay and they don't do as much to help you." Crangle said, however, that "a silent majority" of students are pleased with his office.

"We are as polite and understanding as I think we can possibly be," he said. "I think the students you are speaking to are obviously those who aren't pleased with our office."

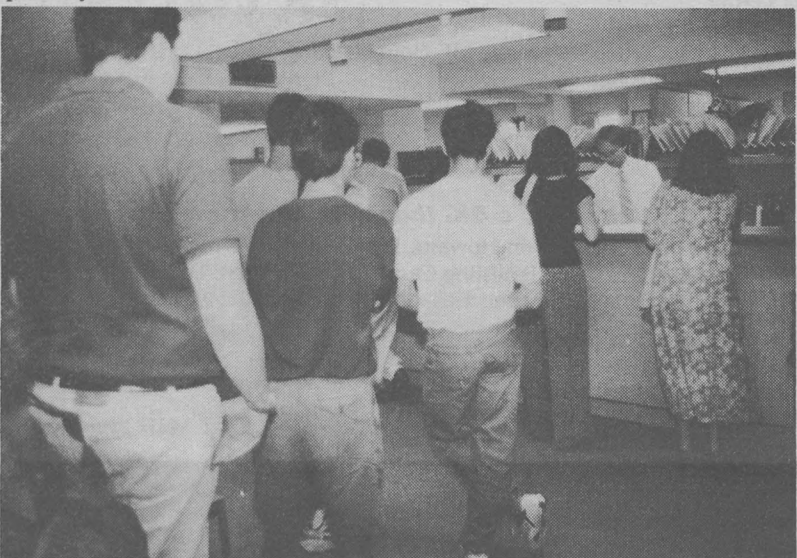


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Some students battled long lines at the financial aid office, only to find they had no funds.

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New direct loan program makes getting funds easy

Students receive money straight from government

(CPS) - Some of the red tape involved in getting financial aid for college may be eliminated for many students, thanks to a new federal direct lending program.

Beginning this fall, some students will no longer have to go through banks for their student loans. Instead, for the first time, 104 participating colleges, universities and trade schools are receiving money directly from the government. Each school then distributes the loans to students.

In 1995, more than 1,000 additional schools are slated to begin the program.

Under direct lending, the federal government is making loans directly available to students through their schools. Approximately \$1 billion in direct loans, almost 5 percent of the total student loan budget, will be made available this year. By 1999, the government's goal is that direct lending will make up 60 percent of the total volume.

Currently, the federal government provides reinsurance for loans made by private lenders that are guaranteed by state or non-profit agencies. Money for the loans is raised by the U.S. Treasury Department through the sale of government securities.

With the streamlined direct loan program, schools can offer students "one-stop shopping." Now, participating schools can process a student's entire aid package, including Pell grants and PLUS loans.

"I always dread the beginning of the semester because I know I'm going to be spending half of my time in the financial aid office - and that's if there's nothing wrong," said Janet Krowl, a senior at Iowa State University in Ames, which began the program this summer. "This year I was in and out of there. There were about three people in line when I came in. Usually, there are about 300."

Krowl said she especially appreciates the new system after last year, when she had to return to her local bank in Minneapolis after her student loan check expired.

"By the time it went from the government to the school to the bank and back to the school, it was too old to cash," she said. "The bank wouldn't reissue a check until I went there and signed a new form in person. It was ridiculous. I had to borrow money from my roommates to pay the rent, which is never a good thing."

Under the new system, problems such as Krowl's will not exist because the school will be able to correct all problems on campus.

The University of Dallas will become part of the program next summer, and although financial aid officials are not quite sure what to expect, they are confident that the change will be for the better.

"Because of the large number of lenders and guaranty agencies, things were getting more and more confusing for the students, especially after they graduated," said Kenneth Covington, director of financial aid. "We're looking forward to the simplicity of the new system."

Covington said that one of the benefits of the new program is the flexibility allowed for students.

"When a student applied for a Stafford loan, he had to indicate the amount of hours he was taking," Covington said. "If those hours would change, say a student would switch from full-time to part-time, the school would have to send back the monetary award, and the student would have to resubmit all the appropriate forms."

"Now we can take care of all the paperwork ourselves and alter the students amount," he said.

Lois Kelly, director of financial aid at Boise State in Idaho, said the new system will also help students who see a dramatic change in financial circumstances from the time they fill out the form to the time they receive their aid.

"We're going to be able to get to our students a lot easier," she said. "If a student had a major expense in the summer, like a medical stay, and has less money for school than she thought she would, we'll be able to help her right away."

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Media examines saturated coverage of O.J. Simpson

Panelist of five reporters, editors talks of upcoming trial

BY DOUGLAS PARKER
ASS'T NEWS EDITOR

A distinguished panel of journalists decided that coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial has been "nutty."

GW visiting professor Marvin Kalb set the mood on Sept. 8 for the discussion on the coverage of Simpson and his future trial and its play in the news media.

"I would like to make a prediction," Kalb said. "When the trial begins on Sept. 26, it will be the lead story of every single newscast, even if on that very same day Boris Yeltsin is kicked out by a group of

right wing foes, we invade Haiti, Fidel Castro has a stroke, the stock market collapses and there is proof that Bill Clinton did have an affair with every single secretary with whom he ever worked."

"There is something truly nutty about what has happened to American journalism over this story," Kalb added.

Most of the moderators agreed with Kalb that the coverage so far has been somewhat out of control.

Barbara Cochran, bureau chief of CBS news in Washington D.C., supported Kalb's statement.

"One network had the Bronco chase in one box, the basketball game in another," Cochran said.

For a month after the chase, one-quarter of the broadcast newshole, or 16 minutes an evening, was devoted to Simpson, said panelist Bob Lichter. Lichter is the head of the Center for Media Studies and Public Affairs.

Though the O.J. Simpson case has been described as a "feeding frenzy" for the press, many panelists thought that in the upcoming months, coverage would be more rational.

"We won't be covering this the

way we covered Watergate, the way we covered the Iran-Contra hearings. We will be using more discretion," Cochran said.

Some panelists saw the O.J. coverage as a milestone in the decline of journalism. Tom Rosenstiel of The LA Times developed this argument.

"There are some powerful trends going on in our business that (the Simpson coverage) is an expression of," Rosenstiel said. "From Michael Jackson to Menendez to Bobbitt to O.J., we are seeing the rise of tabloid television."

"It used to be the issues that were considered important, so journalists sought out story lines to make these issues interesting," Rosenstiel said. "Now journalists are seeking out stories that are entertaining and interesting and finding issues that these stories can be symbols of to rationalize covering the stories at all."

ABC news correspondent Katina Gregory disagreed with using the Simpson trial as an example of this.

"Jury impaneling could take four to five weeks," Gregory said. "There will be a month on what they call the DNA suppression hearing, that is going to be experts on DNA types. Can you imagine anything less exciting?"

Gregory gave her own explanation over why people will watch the trial.

"People are interested in seeing news live," Gregory said.

Panelist Garry Woodlaw, news director of WJLA Channel 7, saw the Simpson coverage as far more important than entertainment.

"People are making conclusions about their country with whether or not this man can receive a fair trial," Woodlaw said.

Senate hangs help wanted sign

SA searches to fill four voting, four non-voting seats for '94-'95

BY ANN MILLER
HATCHET REPORTER

Eight Student Association Senate seats remain vacant this semester.

But empty seats in the Student Association are nothing to worry about, said graduate Sen. David Chambliss (CCGSAS), chair of the rules committee.

In fact, Chambliss said, the vacancies are nothing new; four spots usually are left empty for incoming freshman and first-year graduate students.

Other seats are those vacated by students who have transferred and students in the School of Business and Public Management and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Chambliss said.

"(Engineering is) a more intensive program, the students have less time, and so their seats are harder to fill," Chambliss said.

The seats that still remain vacant are: two non-voting freshmen senators, two non-voting first year graduate senators, one CCGSAS undergraduate seat, one SBPM graduate seat and two SEAS seats.

The Columbian College seat was vacated by Besim "Benny" Isik, who did not return to GW this fall. The

other three seats not reserved for new students were left vacant after last spring's elections, Student Association President Al Park said.

To fill the gaps, the SA will be accepting applications. The Senate Rules Committee will choose three candidates for each position who will be interviewed by the entire Senate. The Senate will vote to decide who will hold the seats on Sept. 27, Park said.

If any seats remain empty after 30 days, public notice will be given and the seats will be taken from their schools and turned over to general representation.

"The two freshman seats in particular are a great way for new students to get involved," Park said. "Even though they are non-voting, the seats are critical, because the senators represent the voice of the largest class on campus."

Chambliss said the outlook is better than usual. He said Senate members are working hard campaigning to "get those who can afford time to apply," he said.

Park said the Columbian College seat is "the most hotly contested."

-Michelle Von Euw contributed to this report.



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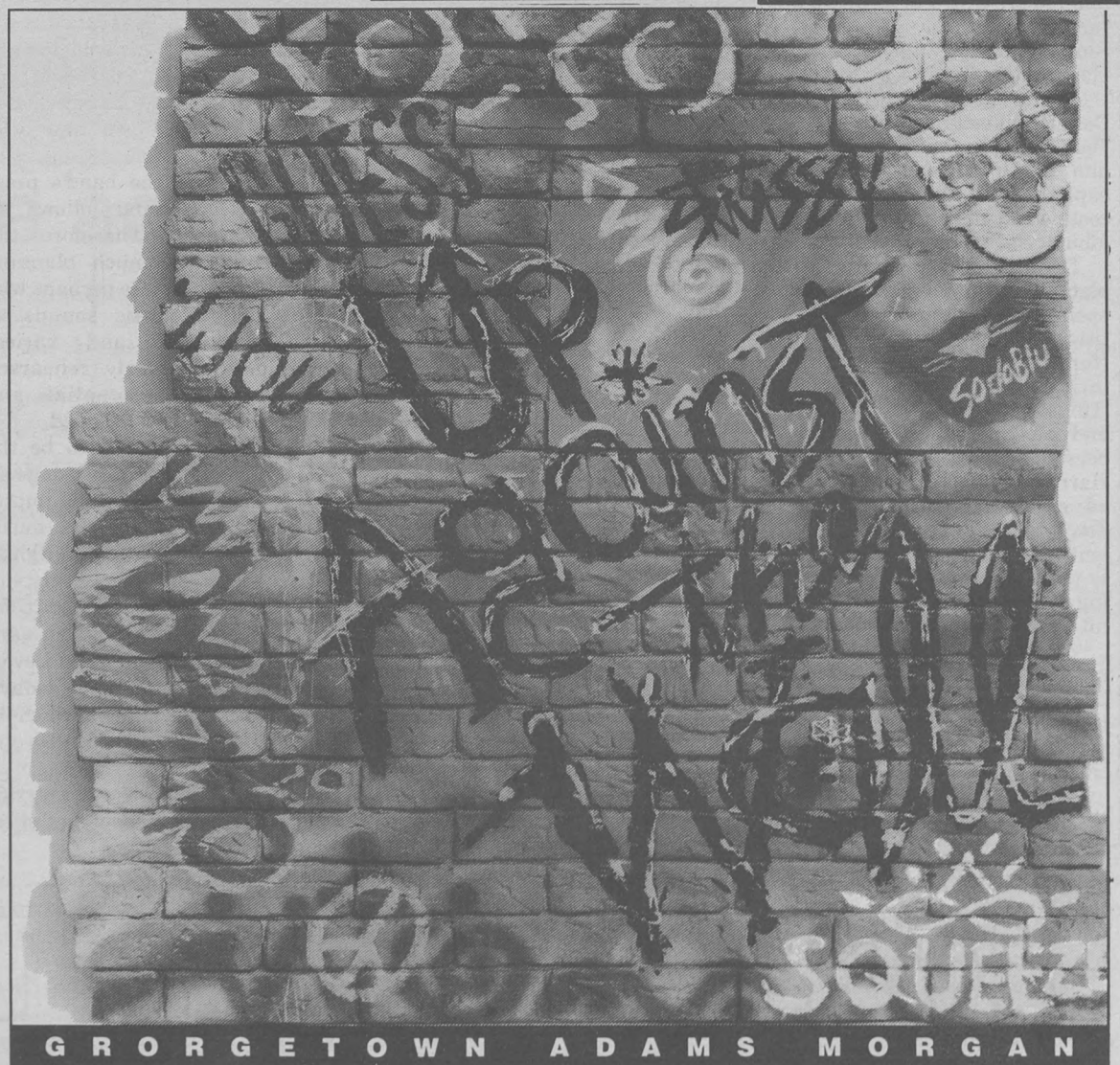
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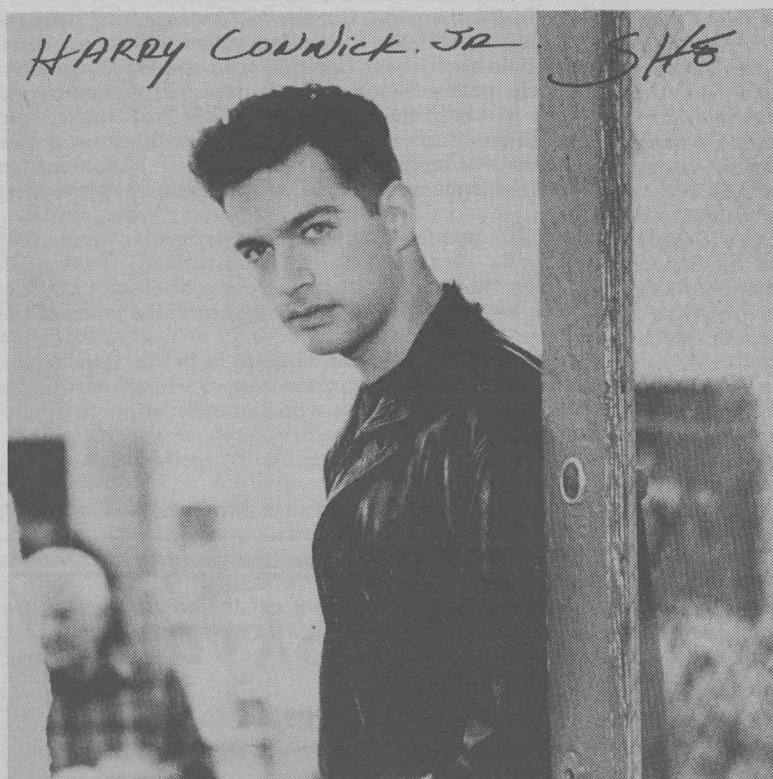
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Harry Connick Jr. returned to his roots Wednesday night in front of a sold-out crowd at Wolf Trap.

Connick Jr. breaks out of his Sinatra shell for the 'Funk Tour'

BY DIANA ROSENBERG
HATCHET REPORTER

Harry Connick Jr. last Wednesday hung up his tuxedo, told his orchestra to take a break, tucked away his young Frank Sinatra image and did what Harry knows best — be himself.

In his current *She* Tour, or as Connick likes to call it, the "Funk Tour," he takes a break from jazz and big band style music and explores his New Orleans funk roots with songs from his current album, *She* (Columbia).

Donned in an uncharacteristic black T-shirt and jeans, Connick opened the sold-out show with the title track and then continued to "funk" the concert with tunes including "Between Us," "Honestly Now" and "Joe Slam and the Spaceship." These numbers showcased the talent of both Harry and his band, which included ex-Neville Brothers bassist Tony Hall. Each band member lent his own talent and personality to the music and the show, filling the performance with wonderful sounds, sights and laughter.

Although this funk style of music didn't allow Connick to use his voice fully, as in his big band/jazz style, it did show the energy, versatility, personality and charm that is Connick.

There were times when he left the piano to wail on the guitar or

beat on the drums. He, along with fellow band members, even strutted their stuff and boogied to "Here Comes the Big Parade."

The performance, which lasted more than two hours, showed his passion for what he does and for his fans: he never left the stage for more than a minute (and that was between the last song and the encore).

The highlight of the show came, though, when the band members left the stage and the audience was left with Connick and his piano. He asked the listeners to pretend they were at a piano bar alone, listening to him play.

And, boy, can he play. In this set, the audience became a part of the show as Connick invited everyone to sing, dance and laugh.

Two orchestra members, trombone player Lucien Barbarin and trumpet player Leroy Jones — whose quintet, Funky Dunky, opened for Connick — joined the performer. The sounds of the horns just added to the sweet songs that flowed out of Connick's fingers.

At the opening of the concert, Connick promised a great show, and it was. Though some people may not go together with him like "A Wink and a Smile" because of this 180-degree turn in music style, the rest of us, Harry, well—"We Are In Love."

There's no reason to Fret

U.K. band succeeds with a sound that's not all its own

BY RACHEL ISAAC
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

With a name like Fretblanket, you have got to figure that these guys must be pretty confident of their talent. Otherwise why would they give themselves a name with about as much ring to it as Soggy Kleenex? But confident they have every right to be.

A British group formed in 1989, the band's debut album *Junkfuel* is chock-full of the kind of sound that helped to define groups such as Soul Asylum and Ned's Atomic Dustbin, to which they sound eerily alike.

While the songs are not the kind that stick in your head for days, the sound is good and has little chance of grating on your nerves. In terms of lyrics,



Fretblanket is Britain's latest Next Big Thing.

Fretblanket does not have much to say in the way of social commentary or messages of love and peace. This is not a band trying to change the world with its awe-inspiring view on life. The members just try to have some fun and market a product its audience will like.

This is not to say Fretblanket's

sounds are slickly packaged compilations designed to be easily marketable. All of the cuts off its debut are respectable tunes.

"Twisted," the first cut, starts off sounding like Soul Asylum's "Somebody to Shove" and showcases the band at its best. "Curtainsville" and "Big Fat Ugly" are slower than most of the other songs but still remain angst-free and melodically pleasing — a refreshing, if needed, change from many of the groups that came out of the grunge feeding frenzy of the past few years.

Fretblanket's sound is not innovative and probably is not definitive of the next wave of what will be hip, but if *Junkfuel* is any indication of things to come, Fretblanket is definitely on its way to coming into its own.

That Giant Sand sound you hear

BY TATIANA K. FIX
HATCHET REPORTER

Alternative, authentic band Giant Sand has released 17 albums in eight years. Obviously, Giant Sand is not a compulsive image-seeker, as are most bands some of which do not deserve the praise they get.

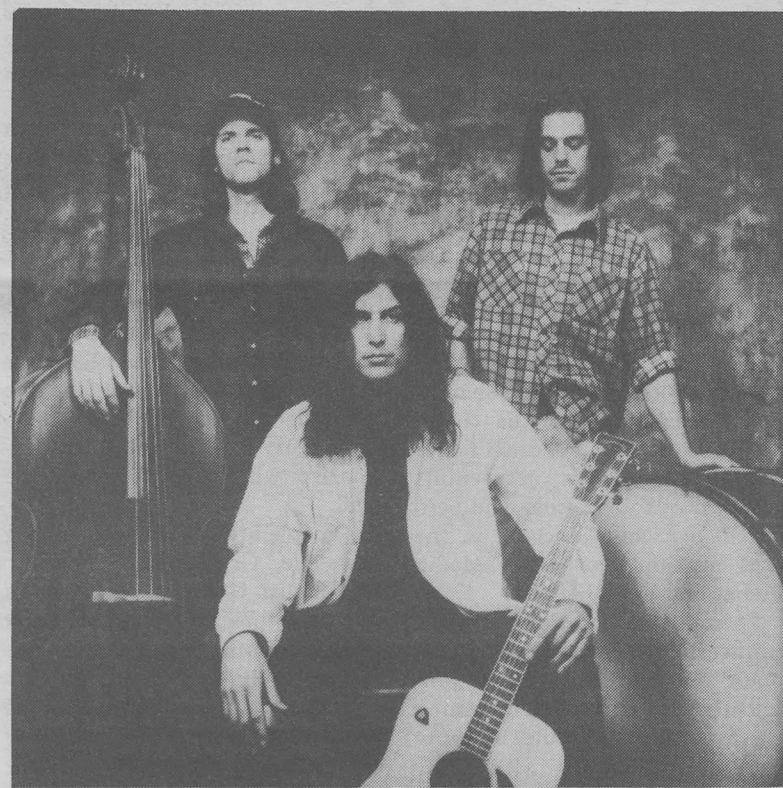
However, in light of the band's newest album, *Glum* (Imago), Giant Sand undoubtedly deserves recognition.

Howe Gelb, a true virtuoso, practically is Giant Sand himself; he is not only the singer but also the guitarist and the pianist. Gelb initially started in his hometown of Tucson, Ariz., then moved to Los Angeles where he merged with bassists Paula Brown and Joey Burns.

As stated in the band's press release, Giant Sand follows its instincts closely. Therefore, the band avoids too much planning and rehearsal. This is perhaps why Giant Sand's music sounds so fresh, inventive and varied. Sometimes an overly rehearsed piece loses its potential and becomes sterile and fatigued.

This does not seem to be the case with Giant Sand. Its songs all sound spirited, successfully improvised and instinctive. Its music ranges from alternative, lightly gothic to jazz and blues. Every single song on this album sounds completely different. This mixed variety of music helps the band overcome a great number of today's alternative rock bands, which in comparison sound monotonous and dull.

"Glum" for example, is a terrific song with a spontaneous but effec-



Giant Sand: Not just your average white band.

tual rhythm and brilliant melody. "Yer Ropes" sounds a little like Soul Asylum and Violent Femmes, but it still has a life of its own. "Painted Bird" sounds like a country song with an alternative background.

Giant Sand's lyrics also are appealing, meaningful and provoking. From what is conveyed through his lyrics, Gelb seems confused and disappointed with people and with life. He fearlessly expresses his feelings and thoughts to the world, especially in songs such as "Frontage Road" and "Spun."

On a happier note, Gelb seems

to be close to his family, especially his father. This is indeed rare for alternative bands, which usually preach about hate, revenge and solitude. Strikingly, Gelb's father, along with other family members, sings the last song on *Glum*.

The sharpness of Giant Sand's new album offers the band a reassuring and optimistic future. Since its work is of a wide variety, perhaps its music will appeal to a mixture of people.

However, its visible effort to please everybody may cause them to satisfy nobody, and instead, make people turn away insufficiently satisfied.

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SPOTLIGHT

Where the elite meet on F Street

BY MELISSA ROBISON
HATCHET REPORTER

GW students frequently try to determine what the police tape, Secret Service, limousines and guests in black-tie attire are doing in front of the state-ly white house on 20th and F streets. This white house is the 1925 F Street Club.

"Officially we're a city social club. Our members come from all walks of life - private and political," General Manager Richard Casiano said.

The club was started in the early 1930s because the Grose family planned to close their house. Friends of the family did not want it to be shut down because the house had been such a social place. Since the house already had a staff of 11, it could easily be turned into an eating club.

The Grose family then formed a board of governors among their friends, set up bylaws and applied for the appropriate licenses from the District. The house became known as the F Street Eating Club, and has remained since 1934.

Few changes have been made since the club was first established. Most of the furnishings are the same pieces that belonged to the

Grose family. Some of the original members are still involved in the Club. "Year after year, nothing changes. People like the stability of the club," Casiano said.

The club still maintains an 11 member staff. Casiano noted that F Street doesn't have much turnover

of employees.

"We're like the furniture, we never change," Casiano said.

The F Street Club does not allow press at any of its social events and remained low key until the Reagan presidency. As members, the Reagans attended the club fre-

quently and often brought friends from Hollywood to the club. As a result, Casiano met Ginger Rogers and Frank Sinatra.

"Of course, those were very elegant black-tie parties," Casiano said. Because of the publicity Reagan brought to the club, F

Street's membership doubled during his presidency. The club now has about 400 members.

Traditionally all of the first families have been members. The Club has extended an invitation to the Clintons, although they have not responded.

Throughout the years the Club has had many famous members including the Rockefellers, the Fords, Henry Kissinger and the Marriotts. GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg is a member.

All of the events at the club are presented as they would be in a private home. No outside catering is done because the staff prepares everything fresh. The F Street Club also doesn't use menus, and no money exchanges hands at the events. Members receive a bill at the end of the month for the functions they've sponsored.

Besides luncheons and dinners, the F Street Club caters wedding receptions for up to 400 people in its garden and back patio. Although most GW students never see the inside of the F Street Club, Casiano said students have worked for the club in the past.

"I always give them the opportunity to prove themselves. Some of them still keep in touch," Casiano said.



Recent GW graduate acts as Miriam's director

BY KAREN ANCILLAI
HATCHET REPORTER

Just a quick question. What are you usually doing at 6 a.m.? You could be sleeping, jogging along the Potomac hoping to get a glimpse of Bill Clinton in shorts, or if you are Jeff Rickert, working to serve 150 homeless at Miriam's Kitchen.

Rickert, a 1994 GW graduate who majored in sociology and minored in philosophy, serves as the acting director of Miriam's Kitchen at the Western Presbyterian Church in Foggy Bottom. Each morning, he and a group of volunteers prepare a nutritious meal for the area homeless. He serves breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Rickert's beginnings at Miriam's were humble. As a freshman living in Thurston Hall, Rickert accompanied his neighbor to Miriam's. She had been volunteering there and wanted a someone to go with her. After that, Rickert volunteered on a regular basis.

After nearly four years of service, Rickert's most memorable moment at Miriam's is from the end of his freshman year. At the time he was not sure if he could return to school in the fall for financial reasons. The other volunteers at the soup

kitchen got together and came up with the money to cover the rest of his tuition. A man who helped wash dishes at the kitchen helped Rickert get a job with an insurance company.

In addition to volunteering, Rickert has served on the board of directors for Miriam's for the past two years. He was appointed acting director in July, after a homeless man who frequented the soup kitchen attacked the director, Anna Proctor. Proctor was then hospitalized.

Rickert described the incident as "the exception to the rule," describing Miriam's as one of the calmest kitchens. Rickert said Proctor is doing well and hopes to start working again soon.

Rickert compared his safety at the kitchen to one's safety while in a classroom. In both cases there are "people you know and don't," he explained.

The only remaining signs of the attack are a security guard at the entrance gate and the warnings posted in the kitchen

informing volunteers to watch for any erratic behavior from those served.

The kitchen itself is spacious and clean. A brightly colored bulletin board by the door is titled "Resources in DC." It lists places where people can get assistance, including where to find breakfast on weekends or a place to bathe.

The volunteers, most of whom meet for the first time the morning they're volunteering, are cheerful and cooperative. The 150 daily patrons -

mostly men - are polite and friendly to each other and the volunteers. Topics for discussion range from families to job opportunities.

Rickert said he feels that people need to "move toward solutions" concerning the homeless, saying there are as many solutions as there are causes.

The Rev. John Wimberly, pastor of the Western Presbyterian Church, described Rickert as a gentle person with a natural affinity for making Miriam's more than a place where people eat breakfast.

"He has done a beautiful job," Wimberly said.

While at Miriam's, Rickert's frustration centers around late food deliveries and a lack of volunteers. Rickert is uncertain of what his future role at Miriam's will be, saying that he "will be here as long as they need me."

Meanwhile, Miriam's has been mired in controversy. The Presbyterian church, which initially housed the kitchen near the International Monetary Fund, has since moved. However, zoning regulations prevented the soup kitchen from operating. A federal judge eventually ruled that the church could operate the kitchen because serving the homeless was within the purpose of a church.

But the suit has not stopped Rickert from being at the kitchen and working. After clean-up, Rickert makes his way to the Marvin Center to work on the Neighbor's Project, a local community service organization. The organization has helped many members of the community by helping to rebuild houses and mentoring and tutoring elementary and middle school students.

-Erin McLaughlin contributed to this report

FALL FEST

Fallfest hippies eat, dance, string beads

BY NEIL VERMA
HATCHET REPORTER

Hundreds of beaded and tie-dyed students descended upon the University Yard Sept. 10 to "Fall Back to Woodstock" during the Program Board's Fall Fest.

The party, marked by music and food, drew students who celebrated the afternoon and early evening with activities geared toward the Woodstock theme.

Freshman Josh Frumpkin said he believes the activities made GW feel like a traditional campus university.

"This is always what I pictured a university campus to be like," Frumpkin said.

Fall Fest, an annual Universitywide celebration, serves as a welcoming party for students either returning to school or coming to GW for the first time.

Although fewer students traditionally attend Fall Fest than Spring Fling, another University party at the end of the academic year, Program Board parties chair Suzanne Daugherty said "the turnout this year has been great."



Even George Washington says "peace, dude" as he overlooks students making love beads in the University Yard during Fall Fest last Saturday.

photos by Dave Fintzen

Attractions included a Ferris wheel, as well as a horizontal bungee race. The bungee race left many of the competitors dazed and confused after completing the event.

"Although it would have been better if it was vertical, I thought it was fun," said Bruce Hoo, who was slightly off-balance after his turn on the bungee game.

SA President Al Park found the day's activities equally enjoyable.

"It is good to see a lot of people out here on a nice day," Park said. "It is really good for all organiza-

tions on campus when we have these type of activities. Often the different organizations help each other out to make activities like this possible."

Three bands, The Emptys, The Toasters and Black 47, entertained students — many of whom danced in front of the stage — on the yard throughout the afternoon.

Coolie, lead singer for The Toasters, said, "It's a big party and everyone is invited." "It's a lot of fun to play outdoors like this," Black 47 lead singer Larry Kirwan said.



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Some students say they feel left out on campuses

Some African Americans say they are excluded

(CPS) — When Keith Johnson entered Northern Illinois University in the fall of 1992, he didn't know quite what to expect.

"I'd heard that the black students stuck with the black students and the white students stuck with the white students," he said. "I figured it would be no different from anywhere else."

But for Johnson, an African-American student from Chicago's South Side, that first semester was more different and difficult than he first imagined.

"I was used to being in the majority in my neighborhood," Johnson said. "All my friends were black, most of my teachers were black, the guys I worked for were black. But at school, I was definitely in the minority. People weren't really hostile to me or anything. It was just a lot harder to adjust than I thought it would be."

After three semesters, Johnson returned to Chicago and began working, convinced that a college degree was no longer an attainable goal.

Johnson's situation is similar to that of many black students who enter predominantly white universities. In fact, the percentage of black students who graduate from college is significantly lower than that of their white counterparts. According to the NCAA, 37 percent of all African-American students who enrolled as college freshmen in 1987 earned degrees. During that same period of time, 59 percent of white students finished college.

"When I started my freshmen year, I was determined to stick it out," said William Sherrod, who began taking classes at West Chester University of Pennsylvania in the fall of 1991. "I'm not making excuses, but it was a whole different world. I wasn't really ready for such a big change."

Sherrod left the school during the middle of the second semester. After taking some time off, he enrolled at a community college in Erie, Pa. He said he learned a lot from his West Chester experience and plans on enrolling at a large college sometime soon.

"I don't think I was ready to make the commitment to my classes," he said. "I was counting on help

from too many other people. Now I know I have to do more it on my own."

According to some, Sherrod's brief stay at a state college with a largely white student body could have been lengthened with some basic preparation.

"Black students never really learn the coping skills to make it in a mostly white university," said Eugene Williams, a recent graduate of Emory University in Atlanta. "We have a hard time dealing with the fact that we're in such a blatant minority."

Williams has written a book about his experience, "The Raisin-in-Milk Syndrome: Ten Survival Tips for Black Students at Predominantly White Universities," and hopes to help other black students benefit from his development.

"College is college," he said. "If you find yourself in a predominantly white institution, you have to know what to do to need to survive."

Wanda Ruffin, assistant professor of psychology at Hood College in Frederick, Md., said that the sooner black students get involved as an active member of the student body, the faster they'll adjust to college life. "It's your college," Ruffin said. "You're not a guest at somebody else's party. Participate, don't segregate."

While Williams suggested that African-American students join together to form support and study groups, he admitted that the concept is not as simple as it sounds. "For some reason, black students don't want to get together to work on their academic problems," he said. "It's like we don't want to let each other know what we don't know."

Ruffin agrees. "Some African-American students, in their zeal to quiet stereotypes of academic inferiority, won't seek help from study groups or from their professors," she said. "Students have to remember why they're here. Don't get so caught up in that 'black thing' that you ignore academic excellence."

Still, Williams maintained that inclusion in any sort of campus organization is important.

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responded that they would not do their assigned readings from a computer screen.

Ninety-one percent of professors polled echoed this testimony for books, saying that they recognize the assets of students owning their own text copies.

In contrast to these findings, 50 percent of the students said they

had access to a computer either at home or school. In addition, these computers are technologically advanced.

Thirty-four percent have a CD-ROM drive and 45 percent have a modem attached. The modem allows students to log onto on-line services and the Internet.

-Karen Ancillai

RHA expands agenda, programs for new year

BY SHANNON JOYCE
HATCHET REPORTER

The Residence Hall Association kicked off the new school year with an organizational meeting Sept. 7 to highlight events for the upcoming year.

Many RHA members sought people with new ideas to help with their programs. Along with their traditional activities in the residence halls, RHA has planned several new events this year. The following activities are listed on the RHA tentative schedule:

- RHA will participate in the AIDS Walk GW is cosponsoring Sept. 24. The University will have a team of walkers for the first time this year.

- The chili cook-off during family weekend also helps to raise money for AIDS organizations.

- The annual Suitcase Party, which sent two lucky raffle winners off to Florida last year, will be on Nov. 10. Proceeds go toward minority housing scholarships.

- On Dec. 2, RHA will co-host a Winter Ball with American University. The dance is the only non-fraternity and sorority formal on campus, RHA officials said.

- The RHA will also help with Martha's Marathon of Birthday Bargains. In its 29th year, the marathon auctions off items donated by local businesses, politicians and the RHA. Students also can bid for high places in the housing lottery. The money raised at the marathon will go to Miriam's Kitchen.

- The Superdance on April 8 will consist of 12 hours of dancing to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

RHA also is planning a boat dance, although a formal date has not been set.

Students do not need to be a hall officer, hall representative or even live in a residence hall to be on the planning committees for the various events, said Collete Conrad, RHA vice president of programs.

Conrad added that only hall representatives, presidents and the executive board vote on RHA policies. However, everyone can take part in the discussions, Conrad said.

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Statesmen and journalists discuss southern Asia

BY LAWANA HOLLAND
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Kashmir region of India historically has been an area of dispute between India and Pakistan. In response to the Kashmir freedom movement, there have been numerous human rights violations including kidnappings, rapes and murders.

This issue was the topic of a lecture sponsored by the GW International Study Forum on Sept. 8. The lecture was the second in a series of seminars on South Asia.

"Kashmir is a historical conflict substantially changed due to a changing global situation," Pakistani Ambassador Akram Zaki said.

Kashmir, a Muslim region, is part of a predominantly Hindu nation. Since India and Pakistan were separated into two countries in 1947, there has been resistance to Kashmir becoming part of Pakistan, which, for the most part is Muslim.

"The Kashmir problem is being recognized by the U.S. as a disputed territory, but it suffers from America's negative image of Islam," Eastern Times Editor M.H. Shah said.

"The Kashmir problem of today is not the Kashmir problem of yesterday," said Paul Goble, ethnic specialist and senior associate for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"Ethnicity has become the universal explanation for everything in the world and the universal excuse for doing nothing," Goble added.

Yale scientist exposes virus

(CPS) NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A Yale University scientist who was exposed to a deadly, tropical virus while working in the school's laboratory unwittingly exposed several people to the virus before discovering he was ill.

The scientist, whose name is being withheld, was released from the Yale-New Haven Hospital in late August after doctors confirmed that he is out of danger and no longer a threat to the general public.

In mid-July, the scientist was experimenting with tissue contaminated by the Sabia virus when the holding container cracked. The scientist was wearing a latex gown,

rubber gloves and a mask when the incident occurred but was exposed to the virus through his nose and eyes.

Although he cleaned and sterilized the contaminated area, the scientist failed to tell Yale officials about the incident, breaking federal and school policy.

The Sabia virus comes from Brazil, where it is believed to be carried by rodents. Symptoms of the virus are high fever, internal bleeding and shock. After time, organs begin to decompose and the victim bleeds from every orifice of the body, including eyes, ears and pores of the skin.

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Rocky Horror Picture Show Organizational Mtg Sponsored by PB. 9pm in MC 429. Casting call and tech crew search. Info: Jennifer @ 994-9620

Campus Interviewing Orientation Sponsored by the Career Center. Academic Center, T-509 from 7:00 - 8:00pm. Info: 994-6495

Tuesday, September 13

Letters and Resumes II Sponsored by the Career Center. Academic Center, T-509 from 4:00 - 5:00pm. Info: 994-6495

American Collegiate Conservatives Membership Meeting 8pm on the MC Terrace, 3rd floor. Info: Nick @ (703) 528-6325

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Wednesday, September 14

Effective Interviewing Sponsored by the Career Center. Acad. Center, T-509 from 12:00 - 1:30pm. Info: 994-6495

Spanish Club Meeting 6:30 - 7:30pm in MC 410. Free. Info: Glenda @ 483-0966

Progressive Student Union General Meeting 8:00pm in MC 402 - 4. Free. All are welcome! Info: 994-7284

GW Student Pugwash Coffeehouse 8:30pm in the Colonial Commons (MC 2nd floor). Free coffee & cookies. Info: 676-7976

Wild Wednesdays Sponsored by Ecumenical Christian Ministry. 7:30 - 9pm every Wednesday in the College Room of the Western Church (24th & G). Free weekly fellowship. Info: 51-6434

Asian Student Alliance - General Assembly Mtg 8:00 - 10:00pm in MC 411. Info: 232-2526

Take Successful Notes Sponsored by the Counseling Center. 4:10pm in the Counseling Center (next to Lisner Aud.). Info: 994-6550

GW Men's Soccer v. George Mason at 1pm at Francis Field (25th & M). Info: 994-9003

GW Women's Soccer v. William & Mary at 3pm at Francis Field (25th & M). Info: 994-9003

Program Board General Meeting 8:30 in MC 429.

Thursday, September 15

The Generic Theatre Company Meeting 7pm in MC 403. Info: Melissa @ 676-2008

Friday, September 16

LGBA Welcome Back Social 9pm - 1am in Riverside Cafe. Free food and drink. Info: Kurt @ 994-9609

Men's Squash Team Organizational Meeting 5pm in Gelm 643. Info: Coach Elliott @ 994-6978

Celebration of Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Movie: 8:00 - 11:00pm in MC 405. (Title TBA) Dancing Party: 8:30pm - 12:30am in the MC Ballroom, 3rd floor. Sponsored by Chinese Students & Scholars Assn. Info: 466-3539

GW Women's Volleyball v. NC State at 7:30pm in the Smith Center. Info: 994-9003

Saturday, September 17

GW Women's Volleyball Alumni Match. 11:00 am in the Smith Center. Info: 994-9003

GW Men's Soccer v. Temple at 2pm at Francis Field (25th & M). Info: 994-9003

Sunday, September 18

GW Women's Volleyball v. Eastern Washington at 1:00pm in the Smith Center. Info: 994-9003

Announcements

"Treasures from the Collections" Exhibit Sponsored by Friends of the Gelman Library. Free exhibit of DC history, GW history, printing history, and humanities & scientific research in Gelman 207 from 12:00 - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Exhibit runs from August 29 to September 23. Info: 994-7549.

3rd Annual Hungry for Music Benefit Concert Lisner Auditorium on Saturday, September 17 at 7:30pm. Tickets \$10 (\$5 students) at Ticketmaster (202) 432-SEAT. Info: (703) 516-0487

GW's Center for Career Education is offering continuing education courses, including "The President's Spouse" featuring guest speaker Nancy Reagan (begins 9/13). Call the CCE for course descriptions and fees. 973-1175 or Rhonda Gambhir at 973-1110 for "The President's Spouse."

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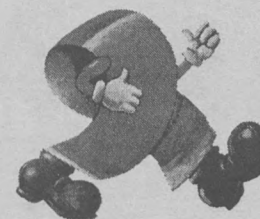
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SPORTS

Welcome back: Liu Li returns in familiar form

By JARED SHER
Asst. Sports Editor

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — In what is becoming quite a familiar story, the GW volleyball team streaked to the championship of the Maryland Invitational Tournament this weekend.

With its team completely intact for the first time this season, GW tore through the universities of Maryland, Central Michigan and Alabama to improve to 5-2 on the season.

Outside hitter Liu Li returned to the lineup in scorching fashion, earning tournament MVP honors following a one-week hiatus. Liu came prepared to play once she received her certification from the NCAA Tuesday.

"(Liu) had to wait a week longer than everyone else to play, so this was a huge tournament for her," head coach Susie Homan said. "She played great. It was a situation where she was very deserving, it's just a shame (the MVP award) can't be the whole team's."

Svetlana Vtyurina was also named to the all-tournament team for the second time in as many weeks. Liu's return gives the Colonial Women a whole new look. With her on the court, opposing teams cannot key in solely on Vtyurina, opening up more options for the GW attack.

"Now I'm not scared of being in the back row because there's someone to get the sideout," Vtyurina

said. "We're back on the rails now. We kind of stepped off when we heard (about Liu's eligibility situation), but everything is fine now."

GW vs. Maryland

The Colonial Women flew out of the gates in the tournament's final game Saturday night. GW jumped ahead early and never lost the initiative in the duel against the host team (15-9, 15-11, 15-10).

After taking the first game, the Colonial Women jumped out to a 5-0 lead in game 2. The team began to relax and the Lady Terrapins took advantage, pulling ahead 9-6. It took a kill from Vtyurina to get the serve back, but once it did, GW did not let up.

With Liz Martin serving, the Colonial Women rallied to score nine of the next 11 points. The win deflated Maryland and gave GW a stranglehold on the match.

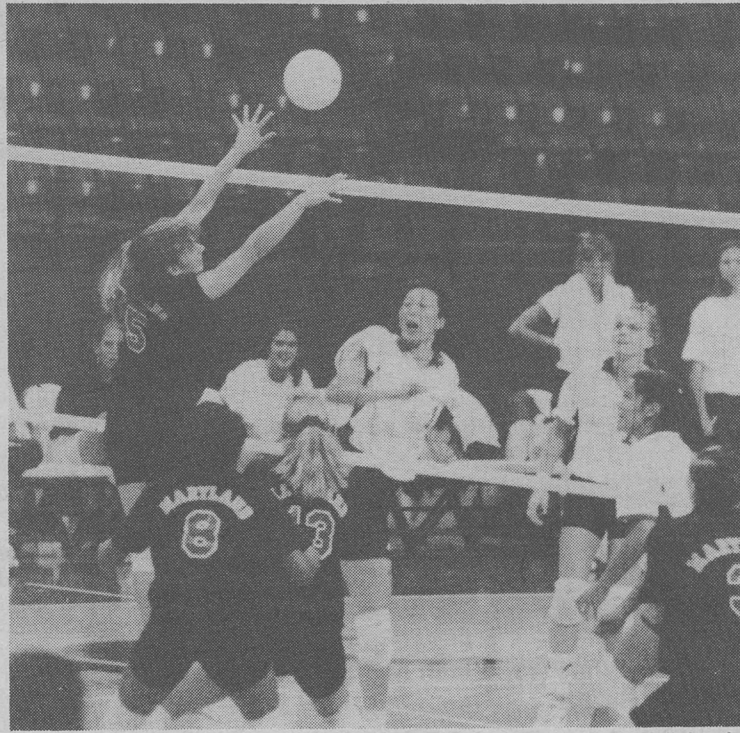


Photo by Maher Jafari

In her 1994 debut, Liu Li (#1) drills a kill past the Maryland defense Saturday night. Liu was named MVP of the tournament.

In a well-rounded effort, the Colonial Women hit .287 for the match. Vtyurina led the way with 14 kills, followed by Stefanie Francis with seven. GW committed just 11 errors to maintain control at the net.

"I hate to say we expected to win, but it was definitely our goal. We knew it was going to be a battle," Homan said. "We were constantly making adjustments dur-

ing this tournament, but within that we're always talking about a conference championship. When we get there in November, we're going to be ready."

GW vs. Central Michigan

The Colonial Women trounced Central Michigan with relative ease early Saturday (15-4, 15-11, 15-9).

GW hit an outstanding .344 with just eight errors. Keyed by a stingy defense, the Colonial Women dismantled their opponent with all 11 players seeing action.

Liu led the way, notching 15 kills and hitting .609. Jill Lammert picked up where she left off last week, with six kills and seven digs in a well-rounded effort. Anna Krimmel also came off the bench to provide some relief for Vtyurina, racking up five kills of her own to hit .556.

GW vs. Alabama

GW survived a five-set thriller against Alabama to start the tour-

nament on the right foot Friday night (12-15, 15-13, 15-10, 13-15, 15-10).

After dropping the first game, the Colonial Women positioned themselves for the win by taking two straight. They fell narrowly in game four, postponing the win through the tense deciding set.

In the decisive fifth game, GW committed just one error, displaying poise and control down the stretch. The pressure of a five-set match provided an excellent backdrop for conditioning.

"We tried to get the same feeling, adrenaline and anxiousness as we'll have in the conference championship," Homan said. "We'll be experienced in November playing in those conditions."

Liu was unstoppable in her first game back, adding a resurgent defense to her arsenal. Liu recorded a GW record 35 digs to go with a .333 hitting percentage and 23 kills.

Vtyurina was a clear beneficiary of Liu's return, swiping 20 kills in 72 attempts. Krimmel helped power the offense as well with a career-high eight kills.

Kate Haubenreich and Khuong Ta rounded out the team effort, splitting the setting duties with 34 and 23 assists respectively. Ta also added 18 digs to backup Liu on defense.

The Colonial Women stay on the road again this week, taking on the College of William and Mary Tuesday night.

Swimmer stars in championship

Bambi Bowman leads U.S. to fourth place in Italy

By KYNAN KELLY
Sports Editor

Bambi Bowman, GW's sophomore swimming sensation, took her phenomenal skills overseas on Thursday as she represented the United States at the 25K World Swimming Championships in Rome.

Bowman finished the race fifth out of 33 swimmers in open water with a time of 6:05:57.98 in front of an estimated 20,000 spectators. Her contribution boosted the U.S. team's results, as it placed fourth

in overall team points.

Melissa Cunningham of Australia won the long distance swim with a time of 5:48:25.04.

John Flanagan, the GW swimming assistant coach, accompanied Bowman to Italy.

"Some of the women ahead of her have been doing this for 10 to 12 years, so for Bambi to finish fifth in her first summer is great," he said.

Samantha Chabotar, the other woman swimming for the United States, turned in an eighth-place finish with a time of 6:15:28.34.

Both swimmers earned the honor to represent the United States by being the top two finishers in the women's U.S. 25K National Open Water Swimming Championships June 11.

Bowman won that race, held in choppy water off the coast of Wrightsville Beach, N.C., with a time of 6:02:39. Flanagan said the water conditions in Italy were much calmer, even though the competitors were swimming against the current and the incoming tide.

"Our two women would have been much happier if the conditions were rougher because that's what got them on the team," he said.

Bowman, set to begin only her second year at GW, has already made a career of marking milestones. She swam to Atlantic 10 Swimmer of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors last season and went undefeated for the 1993-94 regular season with a total of 29 victories.

Flanagan said Bowman swam about 1,200,000 meters this summer in preparation for Italy.

"This is a real departure for her, but it gives her a great base going into winter," he said. "Things are looking bright for Bambi. She's taken a great leap forward and has great things down the line for her."



Hatchet file photo

Bambi Bowman helped lead the United States to a fourth-place finish at the World Championships Thursday in Rome. Here, she poses in the somewhat calmer waters of the Smith Center.

Colonials off and running at Lafayette Invitational

By ERICH ZIMMERMANN
Hatchet Sports Reporter

GW's men's and women's cross country teams are at the beginning of what should prove to be a very successful season.

In the first race of their 1994 campaign, both the men and women opened with third-place finishes at the Lafayette College Invitational at Metzgar Fields in Easton, Pa.

Under the direction of first-year head coach Greg Coan, the women placed their first five runners in the top 25. Junior Sarah Castleberry led the attack, finishing 19th in a field of 82 runners. As an indication of how young this team is, three of GW's top five women are freshmen.

The men, who are not nearly as young, placed four runners — three of whom are seniors — in the top 23. Senior Dave Sawyer finished a very strong 8th in a field of over 100 runners.

Princeton University was the overall winner in both races. In the men's contest, LaSalle University placed second, GW third, Lafayette College fourth and Bloomsburg University rounded out the top five.

In the women's race, Moravian College was second, GW third, LaSalle fourth and Lafayette fifth.

Coan said he felt it was important for the teams to get off to a good start.

"While the men came into this season with confidence after their strong Atlantic 10 performance last year, the women especially needed a strong start to gain confidence early in the season," he said.

He said he is "extremely happy" with this performance and feels it is a good indication of how these teams will perform this year and in the future.

"The men ran well together. Our top four is probably the best in the conference, and what we need is a fifth man," he said. "The women also ran very well together, and this is definitely the start of a good future, not only for this year, but for years to come as well."

Coan, who most recently coached at Wagner College on Staten Island, N.Y., made great strides with that team in his three-year stay. He said he feels the same potential is here for this team. Coan said he found an easy transition in switching schools.

While none of this season's meets will be run at home, the teams will travel this Saturday to Philadelphia to run in the LaSalle Invitational.

SPORTS



Chemar Smith (#15) battles for control with Monmouth's Dana White (#9). Smith had two goals and two assists in the Colonial Women's 4-1 trouncing of the Hawks.

photo by Tyson Trish

GW crushes Monmouth College

Smith, Jensen are keys for Colonial Women once again

BY ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The GW women's soccer team ran its season record to 2-1 and picked up its first home victory with a 4-1 destruction of the Monmouth College Hawks at RFK Auxiliary Field.

Freshman forward Chemar Smith and junior goalie Traci Jensen starred in the contest. Smith assisted on GW's two first half goals and scored two more in the second, while Jensen held the Hawks scoreless on 13 shots before being relieved in the second half.

"It's good to get our first win at home," Smith said. She played her

stellar performance on an ailing ankle.

GW's first two games included quite a few bumps and bruises, which contributed to a greater-than-average distribution of playing time.

Head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski said the Colonial Women used a "good team performance" to earn the victory.

"The key word was 'team,'" she said. "Players that didn't get a lot of playing time in the first game have been getting a lot of playing time in the last two games."

This game was good for rookies. Among Smith, forward Natalie Froman and midfielder Kristen Robertson, the three freshmen had four goals and three assists.

"The key word was 'team.' Players that didn't get a lot of playing time in the first game have been getting a lot of playing time in the last two games."

-Head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski

Froman booted in the game's first goal, and Robertson added a goal and an assist. Fleet-footed freshman defender Carri Sellers also turned in an impressive performance, repeatedly running the Monmouth offense out of GW territory.

The spotlight was on Smith in the match's second stanza. She first scored at 11:58 of the half. She later scored the game's final goal with 7:54 left to play.

Monmouth's lone tally came in the game's 73rd minute when forward Amy DeValue scored on a freak play. Backup junior goalie Danielle Dourney was caught out of the box, and DeValue punted a rainbow over the Colonial Women's defense, one-hopping it into the goal. Despite the score, Dourney survived her early jitters and finished solidly, notching a save.

Monmouth offered only token challenges in the game's last 15 minutes.

The Colonial Women set the tone for the game when junior forward Tanya Vogel almost tallied the first goal of the contest with a head shot just inches above the crossbar. GW was challenging the Monmouth goal for a majority of the game.

They first broke through on Froman's blast at 19:35 of the first half. Despite its continuous pounding at the defense, GW was held without another goal until Robertson knocked one in with less than a minute to go in the half.



photo by Tyson Trish

GW forward Tanya Vogel (#9) and Christie Pearce (#12) compete for a headball as Natalie Froman (#21) looks on Saturday.

Colonials fall twice over injury-riddled weekend

BY SHAINA RHEAM
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW men's soccer team suffered through a tough weekend, falling 3-0 to Jacksonville University Sunday and 4-1 to Georgia Southern University Friday.

Jacksonville 3, GW 0

The Colonials could not step up their offensive power against Jacksonville to avoid the shutout. Jacksonville struck twice in the first half when Michael Santiago scored at 6:23 and Papayan Danso-Amyfa at 18:26. Jacksonville sealed the victory at 70:13 when Dario Deferrari capitalized off of an incoming corner kick.

Jacksonville outshot GW 20-10. Matt Nesbitt had the most shots on goal for the Colonials with three. Marcelo Valencia, returning from his one-game suspension against Georgia Southern, managed two shots on goal. GW goalkeeper Ward McIntyre made six saves. One yellow card was issued to Joel Hough at 56:08.

Georgia Southern 4, GW 1

GW held Georgia Southern to a one-goal lead for the entire first half, but in the second half the Eagles' attack was too much.

Georgia Southern opened up the scoring at 27:29 when Robb Brotemarkle shot one past McIntyre. The team added another at 48:03 when Chris Sklar capitalized off a cross from Jeremy Simmons. GW fought back with Nesbitt blasting in a goal from 40 yards out at 62:27, but it was not enough for GW to get back into the game. The Eagles sent two more into the net as Johan Soderstrom and Dakeya Woods scored at 75:56 and 78:08 respectively.

With his team marred by the injuries they have compiled thus far, head coach George Lidster said the Colonials played a hard-fought game.

"Injuries have really devastated us, and we couldn't get into our rhythm throughout the game," Lidster said.

Ben Ferry, Jason Zenowich, Adam Goncalves and Ali Mesbahi join Matt Ferry on the list of injured players questionable for future games.

Georgia Southern outshot the Colonials 19-12. Stephen Masten led the GW offense with four shot attempts and McIntyre made six saves. Alex Guerreiro and Anthony D'Allasandro were each issued a yellow card.

Valencia, GW's all-time assist leader and usually the team's biggest play maker, was forced to sit out the game because of his ejection from the Robert Morris game Sept. 3.

Lidster said Valencia's absence was reflected in the team's performance and the outcome of the match. "(Valencia) is our captain and our inspirational leader," he said.

The Colonials next face regional foe George Mason Wednesday at RFK's Auxiliary Field.

"It's a regional game so that's important," Lidster said. "But the game on Saturday (against Temple) is more important because they are in the Atlantic 10."



photo by Maher Jafari

Ricky Reid (I.) and Ben Ferry engage in teamwork during practice earlier this season.

SPORTS

GW takes home title

BY AARTHI RAJARAMAN
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The GW water polo team improved its record to 7-1, posting a first-place finish at the GW Fall Invitational this weekend.

"It was nice to win this one," head coach Andy Turnage said. "Especially since it has been awhile."

Much of the first-place finish can be attributed to freshman Brent Stoll, a recruit from southern California who scored 26 of the Colonials' 72 goals.

"Brent reflects the caliber of our freshmen this year," Turnage said. "They come out and play hard and they hate to lose. Our current team is much better than last year's and they are performing beyond my expectations. Hopefully, we'll continue this way for the next ten weeks. Then who knows how far we'll go."

The true test of the tournament came Sunday, as GW took on Navy.

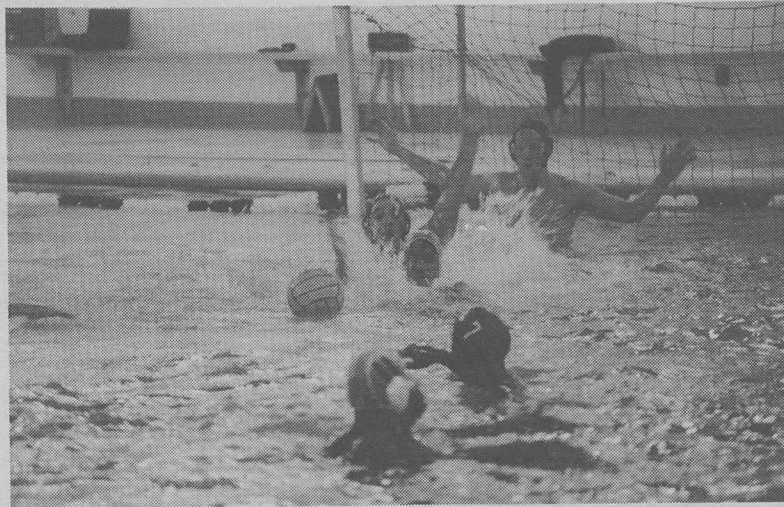


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GW goalkeeper Todd McConchie forms the last line of defense this weekend at the GW Fall Invitational. GW won the tournament Sunday with a 21-20 win over Navy.

The two teams stayed even for the first two periods. Then in the third, GW broke away to take a 20-15 lead.

In the fourth period, Navy made a huge comeback, as the team dominated the GW defense and scored five goals. In the last two minutes of the period, GW drew a penalty throw. The throw, made by Stoll with 13 seconds left, helped win the match 21-20 for the Colonials.

"We were pretty lucky to win this one," Turnage said. "We were expecting a walkover."

In their first match, the Colonials easily dismissed the University of Maryland 19-11. Then they continued with the momentum Saturday, swiftly defeating Northern Virginia Community College 15-12.

GW pounded its alumni team to earn a 17-10 victory Friday night.

Rookie leads Golfers to 4th

GW golf took a huge step forward in their 1994-95 campaign this weekend as the Colonials placed fourth among 12 teams at the Naval Academy golf tournament.

The Colonials shot 617 for the two-day tournament, placing them just behind the University of Delaware (616). James Madison University won the contest hands down with a score of 607, followed by George Mason University's 614.

The solid showing was a welcome sign to GW golf watchers, who have witnessed their team's tremendous improvement over the last few years.

"We are now on the map of Northeast golf in the United States. We are a team to be reckoned with," head coach Keith Betts said.

Stuart Taylor led the way for the Colonials in his first tournament. The rookie was the medalist, signifying that he had the best individual score among competitors. Taylor shot a 70 on day 1 and followed up with a 74 on the concluding day.

Taylor took it all in stride. Since he competed for championships back home in England, he said he

was used to the pressure. Furthermore, he said his experience is an asset to his teammates.

"It feels pretty good. Hopefully, I can come in and help the guys out," Taylor said.

Betts characterized the rookie's performance as "unbelievable." Taylor's play helped the Colonials to their lowest scoring total in Betts' 10 years at GW.

"Stuart is obviously a very good player. He picks everyone else up around him," Betts said. "For someone to come in as a freshman and do this is phenomenal."

GW's appearance in the tournament is testament to the rejuvenated program's success. It was not long ago that GW was not even invited to participate in prestigious tournaments, much less play competitively in them.

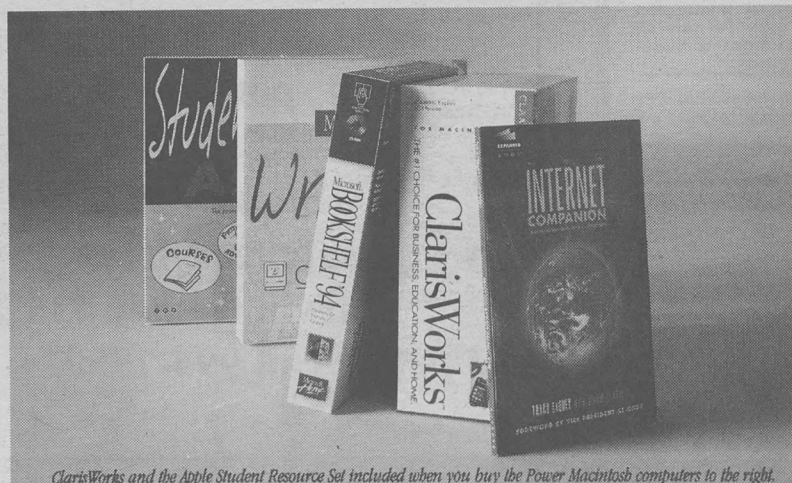
"Three years ago, we weren't even going to these tournaments. Now, we are going to win," Betts said. "This was a great day for GW golf."

The Colonials' next competition has them traveling crosstown to the Georgetown University Tournament Sept. 15-16.

— by Jared Sher

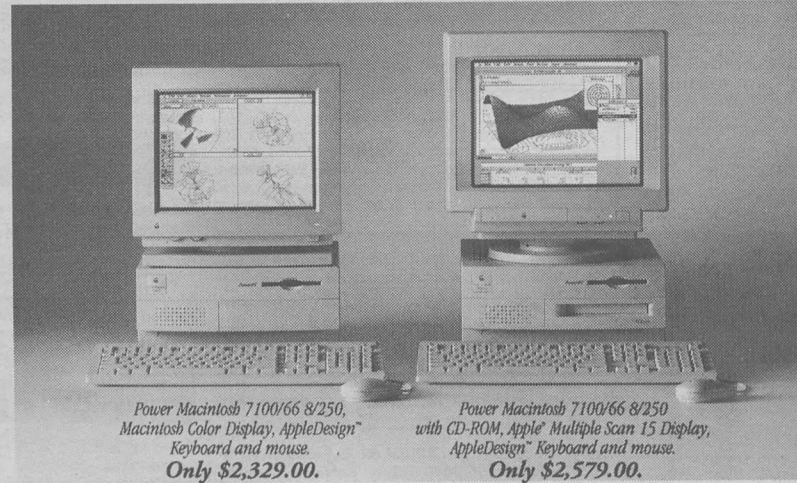
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